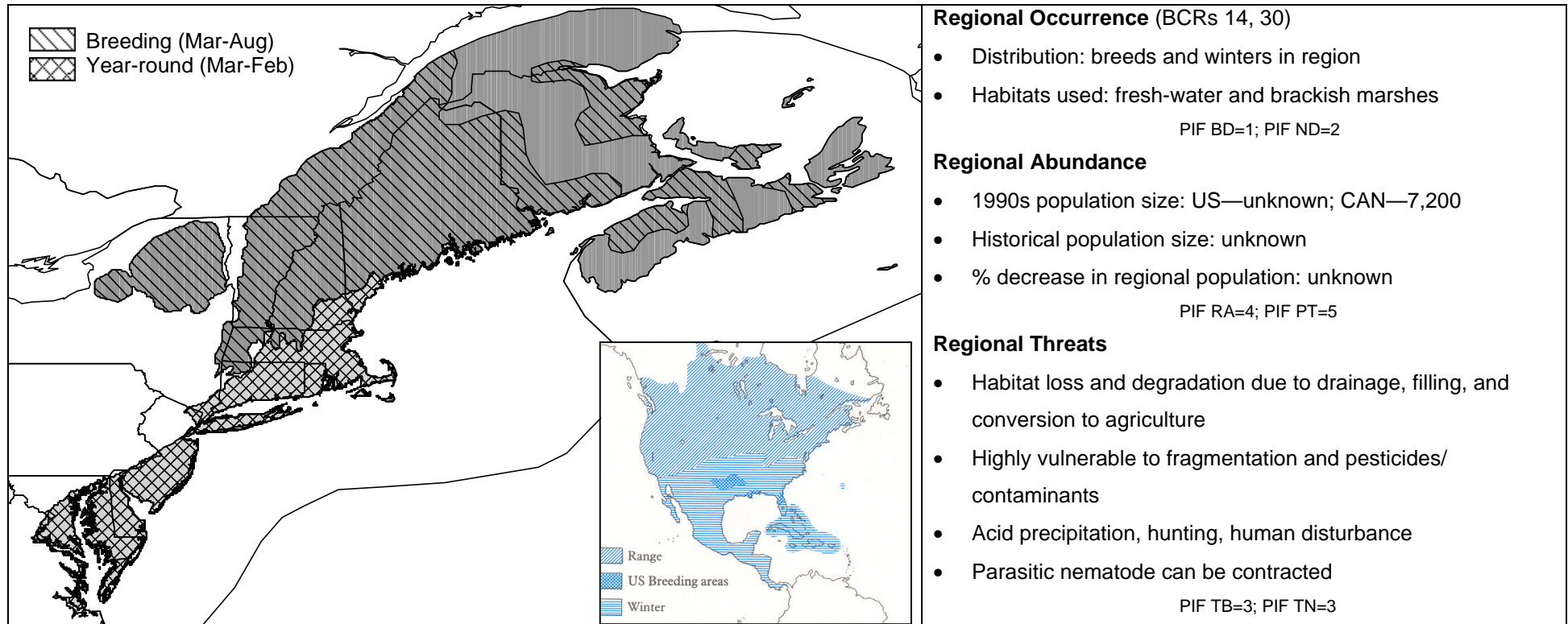


AMERICAN BITTERN

Botaurus lentiginosus



Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
2,976,000b	1,984,000b	?	?	?	?	?	7,200b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- High Concern (PI=67%)	High (PI=?)	High (PI=?)	NJ-S2B; DE-S1B, SZN; MD-S1S2B, S1N; VA-S1B, S2N	NY-S4; CT-S1B, SZN; RI-S1B, S1N; MA-S2; VT-S3B, S3N	MA-S2; NH-S3B; ME-S4B; NB-S4B; NS-S4B	QC-S5; NB-S4B PE-S4B; NS-S4B

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* at least 1 egg hatched in 41 of 72 nests; *Density and Foraging Habitat:* 40 calling males per 100 ha; 2.6 calling males / 100 ha of wetland; chiefly freshwater wetlands with tall, emergent vegetation of native species; vegetation fringes and shorelines with undeveloped surrounding grassland-upland interface; avoiding even-aged stands of older, dense or dry vegetation; *Issues:* Management would involve preservation of freshwater wetland habitats, reduction of invasive vegetation, protection from chemical contamination and pollution, and efforts to increase populations at protected/managed sites; *Needs:* needs monitoring, ID important wintering population and sites; *Population Goals:* restore (increase); *Habitat Goals:*